

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HYDROCARBON RESERVES IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has discovered huge hydrocarbon reserves in the Andaman and Nicobar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether certain foreign companies have started the oil and gas exploration work there after obtaining licences under the NELP;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether foolproof arrangements have been made by the Government for the safety of said reserves;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) had discovered small gas reserves in the Andaman offshore in 1980.

The well AN-1-1 proved the presence of gas with a flow rate of 1.78 to 1.92 lakh m³/day. The in place volume of gas estimated was 116.5 MMm³.

(c) & (d) In the six rounds of NELP held so far, the following blocks have been awarded in Andaman Nicobar Deepwater areas.

Block	Operator	Consortium%
AN-DWN-2002/1	ONGC	ONGC - 100
AN-DWN-2002/2	ONGC	ONGC - 100
AN-DWN-2003/2	ENI	ENI-40, ONGC-45, GAIL-15
AN-DWN-2003/1	ONGC	ONGC - 100

ENI Indian Ltd. a foreign company is the operator in one block out of above four blocks.

(e) to (g) At present, there are no developed reserves in Andaman and Nicobar offshore areas.